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TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner

DATE: February 11, 2004

SUBJECT: Major Capital Improvement Program; *Site Approval Consideration*;
SAD #55 - Hiram; Sacopee Valley Middle School Project

STATEMENT OF FACT

Superintendent of Schools, Sylvia Pease, requests that the State Board of Education approve the site location for a SAD #55 middle school. A detailed Site Application is on file with the Department of Education.

The proposed site is 80.5 acres in size and consists of two adjoining parcels. At present the Sacopee Valley High School and the South Hiram Elementary School are located on the site. The new middle school would be located between the high school and the elementary school on 20 acres dedicated to the middle school. A middle school located on this site will enhance opportunities for middle school students in that the site has been well developed and there will be access to the high school and elementary school. The site is quite level; it has excellent soils with no indication of ledge; and it is beautifully wooded with trimmed pine trees. There is water on site; however the site is not served by a public sewer system. In fact, there are no public sewer systems within the District. All appropriate State agencies have given written tentative approval regarding the site.

Project Information:

Project: SAD #55 – Hiram, Sacopee Valley Middle School
Superintendent: Sylvia Pease
Principal: Position does not yet exist
Architect: Jeff Larimer, Harriman Associates

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Department of Education that the described site be approved for the purposes of constructing a new middle school contingent upon appropriate State and local approvals under existing rules and statutes. The District presently owns the entire site; there will be no cost for acquisition.

* Prepared by the School Facilities Services Team